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AG Bruning Comments on Allegations in Ryan Case

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning issued the following statement on the State’s response filed today in the Nebraska Supreme Court regarding the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services’ (NDCS) sodium thiopental importation:

“The NDCS records submitted with our response filed today show the State legally obtained sodium thiopental from the exporter after the manufacturer had been paid,” said Bruning. “Today we ask the Court to reject Mr. Ryan’s frivolous allegations and sustain the State’s motion to set an execution date.”

On December 21, 2011, the Court denied Ryan’s motion for stay and to recuse finding the arguments were “unpersuasive and without merit.” On December 22, Ryan filed a motion to show cause that NDCS holds its supply of sodium thiopental legally.

A copy of the State’s response, including a detailed narrative on the sodium thiopental importation, can be found at www.ago.ne.gov.